

Minutes Tempe Merit System Board April 30, 2013

Minutes of the Tempe Merit System Board Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 9:30 a.m., City of Tempe Human Resources Conference Room, 20 East 6th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

James P. Foley (appeared via teleconference)
Dr. Russell Schoeneman

City Staff Present:

Renie Broderick, Human Resources Director Jon O'Connor, Deputy Human Resources Director

In the absence of Board Chair Penny Higginbottom, Russ Schoeneman agreed to act as Board Chair for this meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Agenda Item I - Consideration of Meeting Minutes - Chair Schoeneman made note that he was not a Board member for any of the meetings for which minutes were being considered for approval but as Ms. Higginbottom was not present, he would vote assuming no issues regarding any of the minutes were raised by Mr. Foley.

Chair Schoeneman requested a motion to approve Board Meeting minutes from May 7, 2012. Mr. Foley moved to approve without discussion. Chair Schoeneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Schoeneman requested a motion to approve Board Meeting minutes from February 28, 2012. Mr. Foley moved to approve without discussion. Chair Schoeneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Schoeneman requested a motion to approve Board Meeting minutes from February 24, 2012. Mr. Foley moved to approve without discussion. Chair Schoeneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Schoeneman requested a motion to approve Executive Session minutes from February 24, 2012. Mr. Foley moved to approve without discussion. Chair Schoeneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Agenda Item II - Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), 38-431.03 (A) (2), 38-431.03 (A) (3) — motion was not made.

Agenda Item III — **Discuss Rotation of Board Chair Responsibilities** — Mr. Foley noted that Ms. Higginbottom is currently Board Chair and that her term expires at the end of May, 2013, but there is no anticipation that she will continue as a Board member. Mr. Foley stated that he is willing to take over as Board Chair again. Mr. Schoeneman noted that Mr. Foley has contributed a lot of time as Board Chair and noted that this appointment should be considered interim and that he should know he could raise the issue if he felt he did not want to continue to do it in the future. He also suggested that there be no set term and that if a new Board member is appointed soon the role of Board Chair could be reviewed and discussed again with a full Board.

Mr. Schoeneman moved to appoint Mr. Foley as Board Chair effective immediately. Mr. Foley seconded the motion, there was no further discussion. Motion passed. Mr. Foley requested any information needed for a pre-hearing

meeting scheduled for May 9th be forwarded to him now that he is Board Chair. The meeting date and time was reviewed.

Agenda Item IV — **Request for Postponement of Scheduling on the Hearing of the Appeal of Ted Vahovick** — Mr. Schoeneman asked if an indefinite postponement was being requested. Staff reported that at this time there was no further information from Mr. Vahovick. Mr. Schoeneman recommended that some time limit be placed on the postponement but that it would be open for a further review for extension if necessary. Mr. Schoeneman moved that the scheduling of the hearing of the appeal for Ted Vahovick be postponed for 60 days with the possibility to revisit for further postponement if necessary. Mr. Vahovick should be notified. Mr. Foley seconded the motion and there was no further discussion. Motion passed.

Agenda Item V - Future agenda items – no future agenda items.

Renie Broderick expressed her continued thanks to Mr. Foley and Mr. Schoeneman for their service to the City on the Merit System Board.

Mr. Schoeneman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Foley seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

Renie Broderick, Merit System Board Secretary